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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/650,529	Applicant(s) ABUNDIS, GERARDO OROZCO	
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 July 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 6, 18 and 22 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5, 7-17 and 19-21 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 August 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-11, 14-15, 19-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Han (5,986,774).

3. Regarding claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-11, 14-15 and 19-21, Han discloses a method for coupler a media adapter 54 to an imaging device 66 comprising: positioning the media adapter adjacent a coupler other imaging device to mechanically coupler the media adapter to the imaging device and establishing signal link (not shown) between the mating coupler on the media adapter and the imaging device.

4. Claims 1, 7, 17, 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fukuoka (U. S. Patent 5,251,072).

5. Regarding claims 1, 7, 17 and 19, Fukuoka discloses a method for coupler a media adapter 20 to an imaging device 4 comprising: positioning the media adapter adjacent a coupler other imaging device to mechanically coupler the media adapter to the imaging device and establishing signal link (22) between the mating coupler on the media adapter and the imaging device.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC   103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 3, 12-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Han in view of Liao (U. S. Patent 5,467,172).

8. Regarding claims 3 and 12-13, Han discloses the claimed invention except for the delivering control signal between the media adapter and imaging device over the signal link. Liao discloses control signal. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Han to provide the control signal as taught by Liao so as to operate lamp in specific manner.

9. Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukuoka.


10. Regarding claim 16, Fukuoka discloses the claimed invention except for the media adapter substantially L-shaped for positioning on the imaging device. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to form Fukuoka to include plug on one side only to same cost. Resultant product would be L-shaped as matter of design.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phuong KT Dinh whose telephone number is 571-272-2090. The examiner can normally be reached on 8 -5, 5 days a week.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, TC Patel can be reached on 571-272-2098. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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Phuong Dinh
September 01, 2004.